

In the Drawings:

The Office Action requested that Applicant submit formal drawings with shading removed, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Enclosed are replacement sheets for Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D. Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that the new drawing sheets be substituted for the originally filed drawing sheets for Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D.

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006.

Claims 1-6, 40, 41, 47-51, and 57-61 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 40, 41, 47-51, and 57-61. The present Reply amends claims 1, 47, 57 and 60 leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-6, 40, 41, 47-51, and 57-61. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

In item 5 on page 2, the Office Action rejects claims 1, 11, 47, 52, 57, and 60 for reciting limitations for which "there is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claims." Applicant notes that the rejection is moot with respect to claims 11, 52 because claim 11 stands withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement mailed July 28, 2005 and claim 52 stands withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement mailed April 5, 2004. The present Reply amends Claims 1, 47, 57 and 60. Applicant respectfully submits that as amended, Claims 1, 47, 57 and 60 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Furthermore, Examiner is hereby authorized, without the need of further contact by Examiner, to enter an Examiner's Amendment to correct any cases where antecedent bases are lacking, if any such cases are found.

Drawings

In item 6, on page 2, the Office Action indicates that new corrected drawings are required in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Enclosed are replacement sheets for Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D. Subject to the approval of the


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In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned before an advisory action is issued in order to avoid any unnecessary filing of an appeal.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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